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Canada violates Chilean arms ban

by Brendan Weston

In violation of self-imposed guidelines on arms exports to countries with records of human rights abuses, both Canada and the United States have been actively supporting the regime of Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet — shipping more than \$8.2 million in military supplies this past summer. Documentation on these violations was brought forward in July when the NDP tabled confidential Canadian customs and shipping documents before the House of Commons.

The supplies, mostly manufactured in the US, were trans-shipped through Mirabel and Winnipeg airports to Santiago, circumventing a 1976 US law, banning further intervention in Chile, and the Canadian Customs Act.

Canada officially condemned

Pinochet's brutal regime in 1973, when it seized power from a constitutionally-elected social democratic government in a US-sponsored coup. According to Amnesty International, Canada has so far refused to renew its condemnation of the régime. Over 200 deaths have been connected to the régime's military and security police this year, and there are numerous reports of torture of political prisoners.

According to David Adam, director of the federal Export Controls Division, Canadian legislation prevents "the export of arms and goods which might be used to put down the local population."

However, Canadian Customs permitted shipment of \$8.2 million in equipment with military applications, including electronic detection computers for use on helicopters in the Chilean navy, spare parts for

M-41 tanks, radar, navigation and communications equipment, Lockheed turbine engines and special equipment for the Chilean National Police.

After first denying that Canada has shipped any tank parts to Chile, Adams later claimed, "those tanks were for national defense." He also denied that tanks have been used to suppress the Chilean people, although he lived in Chile between 1972 and 1976.

Adams also denied that the US could circumvent its own export restriction on Chile by shipping through Canada: "There is absolutely,

catagorically, no possibility of that happening." The documents show much of the equipment to have been manufactured in Detroit and then shipped through Winnipeg and Mirabel.

In a recent telephone interview, Adams first referred to the documents brought forward by the NDP as "public" but later said "The only one that's breaking the law is you — by having them." The actual classification is 'comercial confidential.' Adams compared this to a conversation between lovers, saying "It's not a confidential conversation — it's

private."

In 1981, De Havilland Aircraft of Canada sold \$6.1 million worth of DHC-5D Buffalo military transport aircraft to Chile, with financing from the Export Development Corporation of Canada. The deal was made with the Chilean Air Force saying the aircraft would only be used to transport cargo and passengers to Antarctic bases.

Elias Letelier-Ruz, a Chilean refugee in Montréal and publicist with the Chile-Québec Cultural House recently met with Prime Minister Brian

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BoG immires SAC

by Brendan Weston

The Board of Governors (BoG) will vote on a motion concerning full divestment today at their 3 pm meeting on the 6th floor of the Administration building. They will not, however, vote on full divestment, as promised by Nathan Moss, Secretary to the Board of Governor's, at last Friday's stu-

dent occupation of the Administration building.

The student South Africa Committee and Undergraduate representative to the Board of Governors Amy Kaler will instead present a motion to vote on a motion for full divestment at the following Board meeting in November. MSS president James Green has also signed the motion.

Said Kaler of the decision to hold off on full divestment, "We're not ready yet. We will be ready in November." Kaler encourages students to attend the meeting, though there are few seats remaining.

Moss now claims he did not promise to put a vote on full divestment on the agenda, and thinks he was misquoted in the *Daily*. He says he only promised that the Board of Governors' Committee on Social Responsibility report would be on the agenda, admitting that this was already the case before the occupation.

"If I did, it was my fault," said Moss. "I meant Social Responsibility."

News Analysis

A tactical decision between immediately forcing the issue of divestment at McGill, risking a weakness of student support, and backing off for one month to mobilize students and lobby the Board of Governors on divestment has been made.

With the later prevailing, SAC and Kaler are hoping the deteriorating situation in South Africa will stay fresh in the media and minds of students amid their academic concerns in mid-term.

There is also an uneasiness with the use of direct pressure, i.e. occupations, in the official leaders of McGill's divestment movement. They prefer negotiation.

In this they risk being outmanouvered by the Board for the sixth straight year, at a time when divestment could be forced most easily. The failure of direct pressure, while giving publicity to the movement, could as easily split it as provide a rallying point.

CFRM sounds out

by Joe Heath

The upcoming CFRM referendum is an event likely to cause much misunderstanding on campus. Already, an informal "no" committee has been formed. A brief examination of the circumstances surrounding the referendum would be in order.

The proposal specifies a \$2.00 per head fee increase on Undergraduate students, \$1.50 per head on Graduate, Law, Dentistry, and Medicine students, \$1.00 for part-time students, and \$.75 on all others.

The very nature of an FM license stipulates that all students will be able to take advantage of CFRM services equally. According to station manager Martha-Marie Kleinhans, the differential fees were adopted simply because the exempted societies are accustomed to paying less for services. According to Kleinhans, the graduate society determined that equal fees would "set a dangerous precedent," and hence would not support CFRM.

CFRM's funding options are limited because as a student radio station they must adhere to certain regulations. The Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) requires that a university radio station show its students' support before being granted an FM

license. According to Kleinhans, the most tangible form of support is financial.

CRTC also requires that university radio stations broadcast no more than 2 minutes of ads per hour. Because of this, CFRM cannot rely on advertising for its revenue while still remaining an alternative format, student station. The CRTC recommends that funds instead be raised through autonomous student funding. An FM license will allow CFRM to raise its advertising rates, therein producing additional funding.

Another objective of the fee hike is the eventual conversion of the station to all-night format. Union building security forces the station to close at 0200h. Increased financial base and the possibility of a larger listening audience would make the hiring of security for the station more feasible.

The CRTC has only three FM frequencies available for university radio stations. Concordia University is also involved in an ongoing campaign to get an FM license. It is highly unlikely that the CRTC will give two english universities broadcast licenses, and only one to french universities. As an unfortunate result of this, McGill and Concordia are involved in a head-to-head race for a license.

The vote is taking place on October 30 and 31, with polls across campus.



Fashion trends finally make it to the usually dowdy campus security Weeble huts, now infected with the campus palsy rash. In a new twist, avant-garde students have been seen on campus adorned with lift-gates and plywood clothing. Here we see McGill's GQ weeble modelling the fall line.

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Points of Law

This column deals with paying your rent: when, to whom, why, when you can withhold it, and what evils befall you if you don't. The column introduces three hypothetical characters, Ron, Stu, and Lisette, all of whom have recently signed leases in an apartment building owned by Mr. Big.

Each person is in a slightly different situation concerning payment of the next month's rent. However, all three are under the same basic obligations as tenants under a lease contract; each must pay the rent on the first day of the month or on the first day of the term as stipulated in the lease (e.g. Stu may have arranged with the landlord to pay on the 15th of each month). If these three tenants pay their rents on the day after the agreed-upon date, they are in violation of the lease and Mr. Big has the right to demand payment. If there is an agreement to pay on a day other than the first of the month, it is important that this be in writing. This way both the landlord and tenant have proof should any action be taken at the Régie du Logement.

If Ron delays paying his rent for whatever reason, he will be breaching the obligations of his lease contract. However, the law provides the tenant with some leeway in that Ron has up to three weeks to pay the rent. Mr. Big may send Ron a written notice requesting payment. If, after three weeks, Ron has not responded to the notice and paid, the landlord may initiate an action at the Régie for cancellation of the lease or for collection of the rent. The landlord must prove that a tenant's late payment have caused her/him "serious prejudice."

If the late payment is an isolated incident and the tenant pays up after the three week period, the landlord probably has no case against the tenant. If the tenant makes a habit of paying late, the landlord can ask the Régie to cancel the lease. Again, the landlord must prove that the late payment(s) caused "serious prejudice."

If Mr. Big has started proceedings against Ron for non-payment, Ron can extricate himself from the situation by paying the rent due plus interest (at going annual rate) before a decision is rendered. Mr. Big must then send the Régie a signed waiver form in recognition of Ron's payment.

Stu is having problems with the plumbing in his apartment. Mr. Big has not done anything to remedy the situation. Stu has informed Mr. Big by registered mail that a problem exists. Stu wants to have the repairs done himself without waiting any longer for Mr. Big to act, and is considering withholding his rent.

Although Stu will be late with his rent payment if he doesn't pay on the day specified in the lease or agreement, he may be able to legally withhold the rent where Mr. Big fails to make the necessary repairs. But if repairs are not urgently needed, Stu must first file an application with the Régie concerning what needs to be done, which will then decide whether he can withhold his rent and/or apply the cost of repairs towards a reduction in rent.

Tenants should always keep a record of all conversations and correspondence with their landlord. This makes it easier for the Régie to determine whether the landlord has breached her/his obligation to the tenant under the terms of the lease, and whether the tenant is justified in withholding rent.

If repairs become "urgent and necessary", the tenant can withhold the rent and have repairs done her/himself without the prior authorization of the Régie. But the tenant must fulfill two conditions: s/he must try and inform the landlord of the seriousness of the situation and must be convinced that the building's use is at stake. If the repairs are justified, the tenant can deduct the cost of repairs from the rent.

Lisette has fulfilled all her obligations with respect to payment of rent. She has already sent Mr. Big a post-dated cheque for next month's rent as well as a deposit for the apartment key. However, the law does not require a tenant to give the landlord post-dated rent cheques and the landlord cannot ask for rent more than one month in advance. Moreover, it is illegal to ask the tenant for a key deposit.

What happens to Ron, Stu and Lisette if Mr. Big disappeared? He may have sold the apartment building, died or left the building under someone else's care. Who do the tenants pay their rent to? If they don't know who their landlord is, they can ask the Régie to determine who is entitled to receive the rent. The tenants can each open bank accounts in which to deposit their rents until a new landlord is identified. If a stranger asks for the rent, the tenants should first ask for proof that this person is either the new landlord or her/his agent. Their withholding the rent until such proof is given is reasonable.

Points of Law deals with legal problems commonly faced by students and other members of the community. It is designed to provide legal information, not legal advice. For more information on leases or any other legal problem you may have, drop by the Legal Aid Clinic (Union B-20/B-21) or call 392-8918 between 9 am and 5 pm. by Louise Haberl

MSS bilks clubs of ballroom

by Adam Quastel

5 am.

Nobody wants to awaken at this hour.

Members of various campus clubs and faculty associations arrived at the Union at 5 am, October 1, in order to book the Union ballroom on Friday and Saturday nights next term.

The clubs had been previously informed by memorandum that the ballroom would be booked on a first come, first served basis.

When the list of bookings were posted last Thursday, it was found that EUS, which had been nineteenth in line, had been given four bookings. Radio McGill, Camera club, ASUS and other which had applied for the maximum of four

bookings, had been given just one.

Said Martha-Marie Kleinhans, Radio McGill station manager, "Our main concern is that student society changed a written policy without having notified those people involved."

McGill Camera club darkroom manager Jean Berubé said, "the letter (MSS sent us) said we could get the room on a first come first served basis. We went to a lot of trouble to be there at 5:30 am."

Then, Berubé continued, "we all of a sudden learned that the policy had been overruled... we made 4 reservations and then found we only had one."

"What's the use of printing such a letter?" Berubé commented.

According to MSS president James Green, "If we had given first come and first served we would have had a ballroom booking with 4 nights each for photo, radio and other clubs. EUS would have one and ASUS none."

"We understand that it isn't a fair policy, and we would have compromised and come to some arrangement with EUS, but, MSS never asked us to do so," Kleinhans.

"If you implemented the policy," said MSS Executive Director, Earle Taylor, "ten clubs would get 26 (Friday and Saturday) nights. That seemed unfair so we made three new priorities of groups." First came Network activities, and ISA fiesta, then faculty student societies and finally all other clubs and groups.

The bookings were made on the basis of the new grouping and the order in which clubs had submitted their applications.

No one is pleased with the final arrangements, Green commented. "We let the unfairness be shared by everyone."

"EUS didn't show up in line that morning," said Kleinhans. The clubs, she continued had budgeted for the ballroom bookings, and therefore took the initiative to arrive at 5 am.

EUS VP Finance Jaquie Muir responded only to say that they had not yet received a formal notice of the room bookings from MSS.

Faculty societies were given priorities because it is in their mandate, as student societies, to organize social functions. Although clubs like Radio McGill had budgeted for the revenue from the events, Green said that "no consideration of budget was brought into play."

"It wasn't fair for us to make the decision (to change the bookings) but it isn't fair for us to ignore the societies."

"The system is wrong," Green commented, "and we will not use it again."

Big hockey bucks

by Edward Leachman

McGill freshman Francois Olivier was one of 19 Québec athletes to be awarded a Québec University Athletic Association (QUAA) bursary at a press conference held last week.

Olivier, drafted by the Boston Bruins in 1983 and recruited from the Verdun Jr. Canadiens, was one of nine hockey players to receive a \$2,000 bursary. The 20-year old Agricultural Economics student is enrolled at McGill's MacDonald campus in St. Anne de Bellevue and commutes downtown for daily two-hour Redmen practices.

Two players from each of the five QUAA hockey teams (McGill, Ottawa, Chicoutimi, Concordia and Trois-Rivières) were originally scheduled to receive bursaries but the Concordia Stingers were awarded a third scholarship after McGill recruit Eric Leveillé recently turned his back on the Redmen and his bursary.

Leveillé is reportedly unhappy with his academic program at McGill and is expected to

transfer to another university at Christmas. His loss will be a big one for the Redmen offence.

A second hockey scholarship, targeted for the Trois-Rivières Patriotes, was re-directed to another sport for unknown reasons.

Traditionally, Québec's top athletes, most notably hockey players, are recruited by schools in the Atlantic provinces and the U.S.A. The QUAA financial assistance program was established to help keep elite Québec-born athletes in the province.

Hockey, being a high-profile sport, has been awarded 29 of 59 bursaries over the past three years. Other disciplines to receive bursaries were basketball, track and field, swimming and volleyball.

The QUAA bursary program has now completed its three-year scholarship plan, providing some \$80,000 to 59 Québec-born athletes. The financial assistance program is expected to be extended but its renewal has not yet been confirmed.

events

Today
McGill Student Pugwash: General meeting today, all welcome. The meeting will take place in Burnside Hall, room 426, at 1800h.

Project Ploughshares: General meeting & conspiracy, today in Union Bldg. room 302 at 1800h.

Network Alternative's Alternative Film Night: A variety of NFB and amateur films, will take place tonight in The Alley, from 2100h until midnight.

Anthropology Student's Association: Dr. David Howes from Concordia University will lecture on "Cross-Cultural Analysis of Smells in Indonesia", today at 1200h at the Anthropology Student's Lounge, 3434 McTavish.

Gallop: Coffee House and general meeting, all welcome. Today at 1800h, Union Bldg. 425.

Tuesday, October 22nd
Class Act Productions and McGill Players' Theatre will present the last in a series of plays by Michel Tremblay: *In Broken Pieces* will be presented Tuesdays through Saturdays, from October 22nd until November 2nd, at Players' Theatre, 3480 McTavish. For information and ticket reservation, call 392-8989 between 1500h and 2000h.

Claire Culhane, author of *Still Barred from Prison*, will be speaking on "Abolition of Prisons", Tuesday Oct. 22nd at 2000h. Café Commun/c, 201 Milton.

Drop-In At Newman with Rev. Chris Ferguson, Presbyterian/United Church Chaplain, 1000h — 1200h, Chaplaincy Service, 3484 Peel. For more information call 392-5980.

Living Our Faith Group — A bring-your-own-lunch group discussing Christian faith and personal responsibility. From 1200h — 1300h, 3484 Peel, Presbyterian/United Church Chaplaincy, 392-5980. All welcome.

Beginners Integral Hatha Yoga with Bisla Taylor, 1000h — 1130h, at the Yellow Door, 3625 Aylmer St. Call 392-6742.

Shiatsu Training with Florence Perrella Hayes 1130h — 1300h at the Yellow Door, 3625 Aylmer.

Ecstatic Confessions (meditation) with Florence Perrella Hayes at the Yellow Door.

When Does One Declare a Disease Conquered? Speaker: Dr. Charles B. Scriver, Professor of Paediatrics, Biology, and Genetics, Leacock 132, anytime today.

McGill Young Alumni present "Capitalize on 1985!" at 2000h in Leacock 232. Info: 392-4816.

The AIDS Committee meets today at 1800h in Union 417. Info: 392-8912.

Players' Theatre presents Michel Tremblay's *In Broken Pieces* preview at 2000h in Union 3rd Floor. Call 392-8989.

Central America Group General Meeting and Tools for Peace organizational meeting at 1700h in Union 404. Call 845-7778.

Lesbian Caucus of McGill Coffee House. All Welcome for 1st meeting to brainstorm for the upcoming year at 1830h in Women's Union in Union 423. Call 392-8920.

Liberal McGill Speaker: John Nunziata on Conservatives 1st year in office at 1900h in Leacock 219. Call 286-0292.

Worship: Sacred Space, Sacred Time The R.S.S.A. presents the second of 8 special lectures: **HINDUISM**, given by Dr. L.S. Dube. Followed by a question and answer period. 1200h, rm.100, Birks Bldg., 3520 University St. Savvy Society rehearsal. 1900h for women, 2030h for men, Union 302.

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Liberals and Trots

Worker's Vanguard is a rabid little publication put out by a group of American Trotskyites, the *Spartacist League*. *Socialist Worker* is the organ of Canada's Trotskyite *International Socialists* who, like their country, are both more bland and more reasonable than their American counterparts. Michael Orr is the Vice-President (Internal) of McGill Students' Society, and someone who we would never describe as a Trotskyite.

In some ways, though, these two publications and one student politician have a lot in common — all three of them are willing to shoulder Kipling's "White Man's Burden" and pontificate about the correct way for the people of South Africa to win their struggle against Apartheid.

The Trots, characteristically, argue that anything other than a vanguard party of the proletariat leading a class war against the capitalist parasites running South Africa will be doomed to failure. Their advice to the South African people is that they should pretend that Johannesburg is really Petrograd, and that they should do a repeat performance of the Bolshevik Revolution.

Michael Orr has a bit of advice for the South African people which is less dogmatic, at least on the surface. Let's call it liberal advice. His argument runs something like this: 'I abhor Apartheid as much as you do, and will support you in whatever way we can in your struggle against it. This means, of course, that you must behave like gentlemen (sic) at all times.'

In a proposed amendment to the South Africa Committee's policy statement, Mr. Orr wants to put conditions on Students' Society's support for the struggle against Apartheid. He abhors Apartheid, but is unwilling to pledge solidarity with its opponents unless they behave themselves. He wants them to restrict themselves to the tried and failed tactic of non-violent opposition to Pretoria. In its own way, this is as paternalistic and poorly-thought out as the Trotskyite position.

Mr. Orr, and other councillors, have problems making even a tacit endorsement of revolutionary violence in South Africa. The Trots verge on making a cult of it. Neither seem to realize their speculations on the 'correct' course for the struggle against Apartheid are seldom of even academic interest.

There is a responsibility for us all to be aware of the situation in South Africa — and there is a responsibility for us to act on our knowledge of this oppression. There is, at the same time, something that must govern our actions. This is, of course, the realisation that it is the South African people who must decide upon the tactics they are to use.

Those of us who are supporting the struggle against apartheid are doing just that, supporting. We are not in a position to direct the course that struggle should take.

The time has come for someone to suggest to Mr. Orr that he is acting like a Trot, and that for his own sake he should withdraw his motion and stop trying to decide for the South African people how they are to conduct their struggle against Apartheid.

Colin Tomlins

Brendan Weston

Reach out & take something

Thursday morning as grains of my Red River cereal stuck between my teeth, the telephone rang. I'm not exactly a morning person but I managed to grunt a somewhat respectable hello. It was a representative from Bell Canada calling to inform me of a very important development in my phone number. Bizarre. Mrs. Girard told me that after two months of usage, my number was to be changed.

I had finally memorized my number so naturally I was curious to know why I had been chosen for this inconvenience.

Apparently, The Bay had reserved my number and in four days would be taking over my line. I was not only getting a compulsory new number but no one will be able to trace me by dialing the old number. I always had the desire to be inognito.

Girard said, "We have the right to change a number when we want. The Big Company called me so I am just doing my job."

Bell Canada is certainly noble. It mixed-up the files and gave out a reserved number to the wrong customer. Because my name is Jillian Cohen and not Jillian Co., I get harassed.

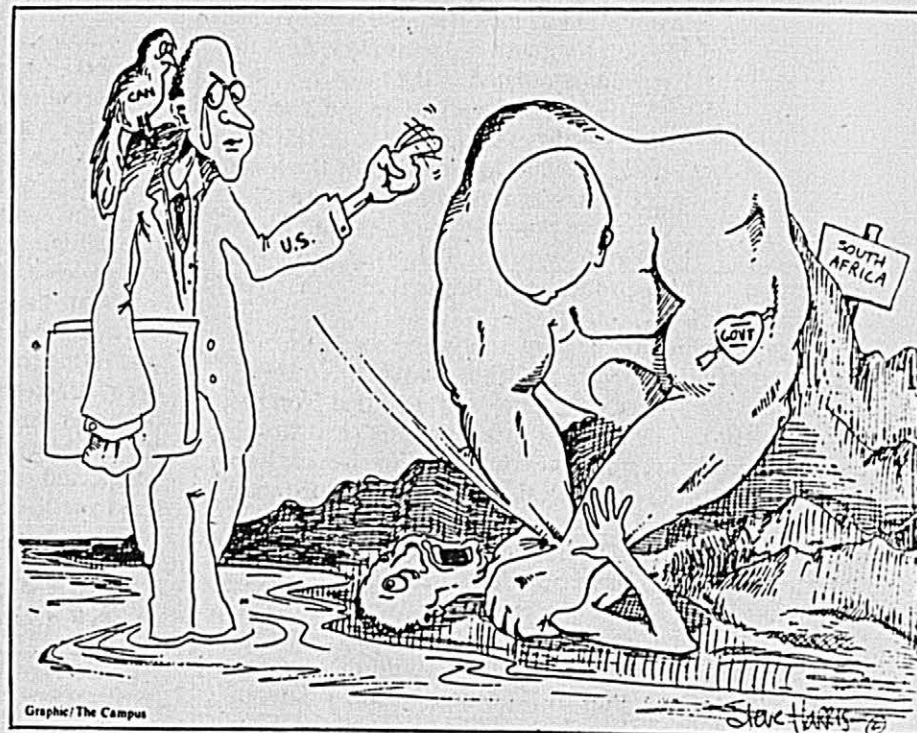
Girard, like a true company martyr, blamed Bell Canada and cleared The Bay Company of behaving tyrannically. Of course, The Bay was aware of the inconvenience they were causing to several individuals. For me and my room-mate, it's really hard not to think of The Bay.

I suppose the number that will no longer be mine is special. It must have a certain ring which The Bay just had to have.

I should feel honoured instead I feel frustrated.

Bell Canada offered no apologies or compensation. I just hope the employees of The Bay will know to remind my mother to send up my Kate Bush tape when she phones.

Jillian Cohen



Graphic/The Campus

notes from below**Israeli State to blame
Not the people**

This notes from below is an attempt to clarify an article in Thursday's *Cold War Special* issue of the *McGill Daily* entitled "Israel leads in terror exports."

The introduction of the article stated that "those who suffered most under the Third Reich now profiteer from the present holocaust" being conducted in the Third World. A similar statement was made in the conclusion.

The article was not meant to imply that Jewish people in general are at fault for the actions of the Israeli State, only its citizens. The intention was to criticize this State for its support of brutal regimes in the Third World through its arms sales.

Many Israelis do *not* support the actions of their government; neither do many Jews in North America or elsewhere. This was pointed out in the article by quoting Israelis who find the actions of their government in this area reprehensible.

Unfortunately, the introduction and conclusion of the article were misleading. They implied that the individuals who suffered most under Hitler's regime now profit from Israel's arms exports. Of course they are not the same people. Rather, it is the Israeli state which is hypocritical for using the moral capital generated from World War II's Holocaust.

The article meant to show the irony in the position of the Israeli State — a State which proclaims "Never again another Holocaust," and yet aids in conducting other "holocausts" elsewhere.

The *Daily* apologizes for the ambiguity of statements which might have been construed as anti-semitic. Clearly, this was not our intention.

Somebody pays

You may have noticed an advertisement in Thursday's *Cold War Special* of the *Daily* that was contradictory to the theme of the newspaper.

It is a sad reflection on our society that our staff was presented with the option of either running the ad and having a 20-page issue, or boycotting the ad and having a 16-page issue.

For those who wrote letters to the *Daily* complaining about the apparent hypocrisy of running this ad, we invite them to re-examine the page on which this advertisement appeared. The eyes speak volumes. But thank-you for your 'political-correctness' in pointing out the inherent contradictions of the system.

Joe Heath
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Open letter to Maclachlan, VP Research

by Stephen Duckworth

On March 23, 1983, President Reagan announced the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI):

"I call upon the scientific community in our country...to give us the means of rendering these nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete."

On September 9, 1985, Prime Minister Mulroney politely declined to accept Reagan's in-

blem concluded that an effective ballistic missile defense (BMD) system could be in place in about 20 years at an estimated cost of \$250 to \$500 billion. This sum is an estimate for defense only against intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs).

Any attempt to render nuclear weapons "impotent and obsolete" must provide a shield against cruise missiles, intermediate, short-range, and tactical nuclear missiles,

establishment has demonstrated the capability and determination to prepare for the worst an adversary might inflict on them.

As the U.S. moves to develop strategic defenses, while continuing to upgrade its strike force, the Soviets will undoubtedly fear a U.S. first strike from behind a defensive shield. American strategic defenses might limit damage from a retaliatory strike to an 'acceptable' level, even though they couldn't protect America from the devastation of a Soviet first strike.

The USSR will respond to a Star Wars defense system by inventing their own strategic defenses and finding ways to penetrate the American shield.

build-up of offensive weapons is redundant. It's common knowledge each side can annihilate the other several times over, so there's no reason to keep building bigger and better weapons. But a strategic defense system becomes redundant only after it guarantees invulnerability, which is unattainable.

In the words of SDI Program Director Lieutenant General James Abrahamson: "A perfect defense is not a realistic thing." Said Undersecretary of Defense Richard DeLauer, "There's no way an enemy can't overwhelm your defenses if he wants to badly enough." (*Foreign Affairs*, 1984)

nuclear superiority appears closer and closer.

What about the Russians?

With Star Wars, one hears again the classic argument of keeping up with the Muzarov's. There are claims that the Soviets have already abrogated the ABM treaty or are threatening to break it. According to this view, the U.S. has to go ahead with Star Wars to avoid being left in the dust of Soviet military technology.

But consider this:

- The technology of the new Soviet ABM-x-3 system is analogous to the U.S. Safeguard/Sentinel of the 1960s.
- Many of the technologies and components of an ABM system can be tested and deployed with the disclaimer that they are part of other overlapping development programmes.
- There is a Standing Consultative Commission to resolve disputes about compliance with the ABM treaty. However, its statement clarifying interpretations of the treaty is classified. It is next to impossible for an outsider to judge all but flagrant treaty violations.

The U.S. will commit such a flagrant violation if it carries SDI beyond the laboratory stage, and will launch a new round of the arms race.



itation for Canada to participate fully and formally in the SDI, otherwise known as 'Star Wars.' Mulroney issued a "qualified rejection," refusing to commit the Canadian government to Star Wars research, but leaving universities and corporations free to determine their own policy.

McGill's participation in Star Wars research is not a standard issue of university research to be handled with the same screening and assessment procedures as standard research. It is a question of social responsibility.

Cross-Canada public hearings, a joint Senate-House Committee, and a statement from the Canadian government bear witness to the fact that Star Wars is a special research issue demanding special consideration from the McGill Administration.

Granted, refusing to participate will cut off a source of research funding when such funds are scarce. But it is to be hoped that McGill will abide by the spirit of the recommendation of the Interim Report to Parliament on Canada's International Relations: "The Committee recommends that technological and economic factors be considered subordinate to strategic and arms control concerns in the formation of the government's decision."

It is hoped that McGill will reject participation in a project that is at best a colossal waste of money and talent, and at worst, a new threat to our survival.

What is Star Wars?

At present, SDI entails a five-year research and development effort at a projected cost of \$26 billion. A combined report prepared by two blue-ribbon panels appointed by the Reagan Administration to study the pro-

submarine-launched weapons, bomber planes, and suitcase bombs as well.

Reagan envisions the U.S. and the Soviet Union developing strategic defense systems simultaneously, and says that as ICBMs are rendered ineffective, it will become easy to eliminate them by treaty.

"We will continue to pursue real reductions in nuclear arms, negotiating from a position of

Possible countermeasures include shifting away from the ICBM programme to the cruise missile, bomber and submarine programmes. ICBMs might be equipped with reflective surfaces



strength that can be insured only by modernizing our strategic forces" (Address to the Nation, March 23, 1983).

The Impossible Dream

Part I: the Soviet Reaction

SDI is the latest development in the alternating cycle of technical improvements in offensive, then defensive weapons. It cannot be a 'final solution' to nuclear war unless it triggers one.

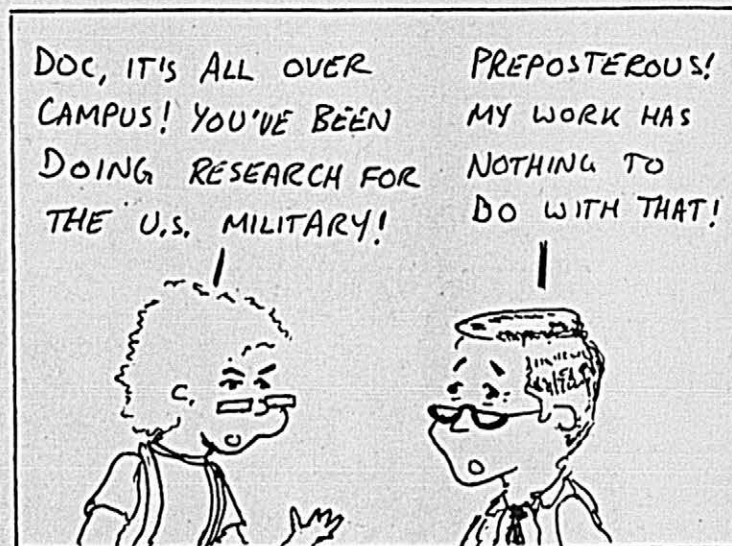
Aside from the staggering technical difficulties of SDI, Star Wars fails on fundamental strategic grounds.

Like American policy, Soviet defense is based on worst-case analysis. The Soviet military

to protect against laser weapons, or spun during their trajectory to prevent a beam from concentrating on one spot and burning through. Shortening the first phase of missile flight from five minutes to 60 seconds is almost certainly technically feasible. And of course, building their own Star Wars system.

Given this inevitable Soviet response, the clear result of pursuing SDI is an intensified arms race whose scope will now include defensive as well as offensive weapons systems. And the insidious thing about a defensive arms race is that it never ends.

In 1985, the competitive



The Impossible Dream
Part II: The Effect
on Stability

If SDI moves beyond the research phase, the U.S. will violate the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty signed in 1972. One of the few successes in arms control, the ABM Treaty prohibits the testing and deployment of new ballistic missile defense systems. If Reagan really wants to negotiate reductions of offensive weapons, breaking a long-standing arms control agreement is a poor way to begin.

In the world of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) and balance of terror, it is clear that neither side can expect to gain anything from a first strike. But as strategic defenses are developed and increasingly seen as effective, the prospect of

There will be meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 4 pm in union 107-108 for all groups interested in opposing Star Wars research on campus under the auspices of a Project Plowshares Committee. Our purpose will be to develop a strategy for keeping Star Wars research out of McGill laboratories, and to begin working out the details of a Senate resolution that will implement our rejection of Star Wars in principle.

Your presence at the meeting, Dean Maclachlan, will be sincerely appreciated, or sincerely missed.



Childhood buried in a nuclear sandbox

by Alan Weiss

The traditional question asked optimistically of children: 'What are you going to be when you grow up?' has now been replaced, in the age of the nuclear threat, by a different question: 'What are you going to be IF you grow up?'

Numerous studies by leading psychiatrists and educators point to the adverse effects that the possibility of nuclear annihilation has upon the psychological development of young people.

What has been discovered is quite disturbing. But, with the definition of the problems come suggestions of solutions directed towards changing our society into one where young people can look to the future with hope instead of uncertainty and fear.

As the threat of nuclear annihilation becomes a more prominent fixture in our lives, it threatens the psychological well-being of youth.

In a poll asking school-age children to describe their future without any prompting by the pollsters, 70 per cent said their futures included a nuclear holocaust.

In another poll, California school children ranked nuclear war second only to the death of their parents as their greatest fears.

Psychiatrists have recognized that adults have developed various defense mechanisms to lessen the impact of the nuclear threat on their daily existence.

Dr. Robert Jay Lifton describes this process as "psychic numbing," and the "inability to incorporate our knowledge of the destructiveness of nuclear weapons into our emotions, leading to an overall diminished capacity to feel."

Dr. Christopher Ross, a clinical psychologist in Toronto, has outlined the use of denial, de-personalization, projection, and fragmentation as techniques used by adults to diminish the direct impact of the nuclear threat on their lives.

Unfortunately, young people are not so adept at negating the reality imposed and then ignored by the adults they are in turn supposed to emulate.

As Dr. Ross writes, "Children's feelings lay closer to the surface; they are more inclined to admit to their terror. Nor do adult techniques of denial impress them."

Dr. Sibylle Escalona, Professor of Psychology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, describes the effect of the nuclear threat on personality development:

"The profound uncertainty about whether or not (wo)mankind has a foreseeable future exerts a corrosive and malignant influence upon im-

portant developmental processes in normal and well-functioning children."

"Growing up in a social environment that tolerates and ignores the risk of total destruction by means of voluntary human action tends to foster those patterns of personality functioning that can lead to a sense of powerlessness and cynical resignation," she writes.

K., 16, says, "In a way I think it's like a wound — the way I'm wasting all this time thinking about something that really I shouldn't have to think about. I could be doing other things with my mind. I could be ruining my brain with all this worrying."

More lasting effects have been described by Dr. John Mack of the Harvard Medical

in the political process, alienation from adults who would subject them to a threat of nuclear annihilation, and a general introversion.

As a result, researchers believe young people are less likely to make commitments for the future and tend to seek immediate gratifications and pleasures.

Drug abuse among the increasingly young, hours spent in video arcades, and endless MTV viewing are cited as means by which the young are refusing to acknowledge the possibility of the future. To some this appears to be a self-perpetuating syndrome.

Dr. Escalona writes, "...growing up fully aware that there may be no future, and that the adult world seems unable to combat their threat, can render the next generation less well-equipped to avert actual catastrophe than they would be if the same threat existed in a different social climate."

So what is to be done? First, it must be recognized that young people are not at all interested in simply ignoring the nuclear threat.

When a young child hears President Reagan speak of the 'evil empire,' the child conjures up a land full of Darth Vaders, omnipotent, mysterious, and poised to attack. If her or his parents and teachers neglect to explain the situation in more rational terms than our political leaders do, the child will maintain and likely embellish this distorted picture of the 'enemy'.

Children tend to think of nuclear war on a more personal level than do adults: "What will happen when they drop the bomb on our house?" They see on television an arms race which they begin to think is unstoppable because nobody is either willing or able to put an end to this madness. And then Mommy and Daddy tell Junior that fighting with little Tommy down the street is wrong and they should make up and be friends. Is it any wonder that children may find problems in reconciling all of this contradictory input?

Parents and teachers must take it upon themselves to explain the facts of the nuclear threat and the arms race in ways children can understand. The children must be shown that there are people willing to discuss the problems at hand and that there are people and groups trying to put an end to the arms race.

In this way the sense of powerlessness and futility which is tightening its grip on the consciousness of today's youth, dashing into pieces their dreams of the future, can be pried away and a sense of hope can take its rightful place in the lives of young people.

And perhaps adults should stop and listen a little more closely to the young people. We should listen to the message of the seven year old-girl who said:

"We can get rid of nuclear weapons and have peace and stuff. Cos if you want something bad enough and you work at it hard enough, you can do anything."



Nightmares are one way in which children vent their fears of nuclear war. One report quotes Joan M., age 17:

"Sometimes I have dreams and those are bad. I usually dream that when a nuclear war happens I'm alone...I always envision loud noises, and a lot of bright light and I just wake up terrified."

Other children have a constant preoccupation with the nuclear possibilities. Patricia

School. He writes of a shift in recent years to increased preoccupation among young people with the threat posed by the arms race. Mack writes that "the threat of nuclear annihilation has penetrated deeply into young people's consciousness."

Common psychological responses among the young to their perceptions of the nuclear threat include feelings of lack of control over their own lives, helplessness, lack of confidence

Christopher Ross explains: "The threat of nuclear extinction also robs this growing child of the sense of permanence which is needed in order to develop an enduring sense of self. Why delay gratification and develop 'ideals' if the physical future is not assured?"

Striving to develop skills and abilities which may contribute to the future well-being and career is often subjugated to immediate pleasure seeking.

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Mulroney over the issue of arms shipments to Pinochet. Said Letelier-Ruz, "I talked with Mulroney and he just smiled."

"Always Canada is on the coat-tails of the Americans. It's time for Canada to grow up as a

country and decide for themselves what they want to do."

"Canada is helping the Pinochet regime to kill more and more people," said Letelier-Ruz. "It's a criminal thing to do."

"The conservatives are a system," said Letelier-Ruz. "They care only for bringing in capital, not for people. But I hold Mulroney responsible."

In a future edition of the Daily there will be a feature interview with Elias Letelier-Ruz.

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